MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether there is any provision for raising the Kannankuzhi embankment in the Budget of 1119?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Then, how is it that the work is being delayed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The estimate has got to be sanctioned by Government.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Did not the Chief Engineer make a promise on the floor of the House that this work would be completed before 1119 M. E.?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I said that I would try my best to proceed with the work.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: With regard to improving the Kidangannoor section of Pandalam-Aranmula road, may I know whether there is not an express provision of Rs. 1,000 in the Budget for 1119?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Then, how is it that the work is being delayed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Tenders have been invited for the work and will be settled shortly.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether Government will be pleased to take steps for completing the investigations relating to flood levels and irrigation requirements?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: That has already been answered.

Rice purchased from outside.

6. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state whether in the rice which they purchased from outside the State and which they sell under their control within the State there is a considerable measure of loose bran, husk, mud and pebbles?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No; except in rare cases.

Distribution of Food Materials.

7. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state whether in the procurement and distribution of food materials they are incurring any monetary loss or having any pecuniary gain or managing without either loss or profit?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Procurement and distribution of food grains are not undertaken by Government with a view to earn profit. The position can be stated only after the transactions relating to procurement and distribution are finally wound up.

Co-operation from the members of the Legislature.

8. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are not having cordial co-operation from the members of the Legislature in response to their call for the procurement and distribution of food materials?

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